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FREE EAST TIMOR

RALLY to Commemorate the 1st Anniversary of the Santa Cruz Massacre
Thursday November 12, 1992 12:00 Noon – 4:00P.M.
Garuda Indonesia (National Airlines of Indonesia) 1040 W Georgia St

Speakers Include:

Svend Robinson MP Burnaby – Kingsway
Azez Guterres –Timorese Refugee
Elaine Briere – East Timor Alert Network

***** STOP CANADA'S COMPLICITY IN GENOCIDE!! *****

On December 7, 1975 began Indonesia's illegal and brutal occupation of tiny neighbouring East Timor. In the seventeen years since the invasion, the acts by the Indonesian regime have lost none of their illegality or savagery. More than 250,000 Timorese - over one third of the population - have been killed or starved since the Indonesian invasion.

On November 12, 1991 over 200 unarmed East Timorese mourners at a funeral were massacred by the Indonesian armed forces. Canada has been implicated in this tragedy through its action as well as its inaction. Canada is the third-largest investor in the Indonesian economy and has placed over $1 billion dollars in that country since 1975. More than 300 Canadian companies are present in Indonesia. Indonesia is the second-largest recipient of Canadian foreign aid, roughly $50 million. Canada has supplied ammunition, military vehicles, transport planes, and helicopter engines to Indonesia, throughout the many years of that country's occupation of East Timor. At the United Nations Canada abstained from the original resolution condemming the Indonesian invasion and has constantly voted against them since 1980.

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